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Welcome to the March 2011 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. Here's hoping that Spring is on the horizon. It's beginning to look that way here in southern Quebec. For those of you in the southern hemisphere, autumn should be heading your way soon. Be sure to check out the Hamfest/Fleamarket Zone this month as it is beginning fill up with events for the spring, many of which I will be at with the Radio HF booth.

The Newsletter is out early this month as I wanted to get it distributed to everyone prior to heading off to Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 3rd for this year's edition of the Winter SWL Festival. I look forward to seeing many of you at the event. Please drop by the Radio HF/CIDX display and say hello. As a result of getting this edition together early, you'll find a few less sites than

usual.

Longtime subscribers to the Newsletter will also know that March means it's time to mention my annual fundraising activity, The Baillie Birdathon. For newcomers, my wife and I are avid birdwatchers. Each May we participate in a fundraising activity for Bird Studies Canada for bird and bird habitat protection and conservation. You will all be receiving a separate e-mailing giving you all the details of this year's event and how you can help to support the cause. Many groups and organizations compete for your charitable contributions each year, but many of you have historically shown your generosity and support for this cause that is very special to us. I thank everyone for your past support and I look forward to your support again this year, if possible.

The Newsletter is a free to you each and every month, for 13 years now. I always ask subscribers to think how much they value this free Newsletter every month and to simply put a dollar value on it. I ask you to consider pledging that amount as support to our Baillie Birdathon cause. The special e-mail you will receive shortly will explain the cause in greater detail. As well, it will provide you with various methods of submitting your pledge. Every pledge is so important to us. We have several thousand subscribers. Imagine if everyone contributed just a couple of dollars? The results would be astounding! I thank you in advance. You can learn more about the 2011 Baillie Birdathon at

http://www.bsc-eoc.org/support/birdathon/index.jsp?lang=EN
<http://www.bsc-eoc.org/support/birdathon/index.jsp?lang=EN>

Our Monthly Special Zone for March features National Wildlife Week, International Women's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Peace Corps Day.

This month's virtual voyage around the world, in the "Where in the World Zone", takes us to the Arab Gulf states and to the country of Bahrain. Officially the Kingdom of Bahrain (the Kingdom of the Two Seas), is a small island country with approximately 1,234,596 inhabitants (2010), located near the western shores of the Persian Gulf and ruled by the Al Khalifa royal family. While Bahrain is an archipelago of thirty-three islands, the largest (Bahrain Island) is 55 km (34 mi) long by 18 km (11 mi) wide. Saudi Arabia lies to the west and is connected to Bahrain via the King Fahd Causeway, which was officially opened on 25 November 1986. Qatar is to the southeast across the Gulf of Bahrain. The planned Qatar Bahrain Causeway will link Bahrain and Qatar as the longest fixed link in the world. Bahrain is currently in a state of turmoil with protests mirroring those in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen and other Arab states.

NOTE: With the dramatic developments in the Arab world at this time, particularly in recent days in Libya, I have included a few links to some sites providing information on events in Libya. You'll find them in the General Zone.

Time to get down to business! Here's what we have for you this month.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

We thank this month's 7 contributors. We'd love to hear from the rest of you out there. It's simple and painless, believe me!

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Richard Lemke, St. Albert, Alberta

Sam McLauchlan, Pointe Claire, Quebec

Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Michael Rochon, Windsor, Ontario

Andy Sennitt, Radio Nederlands MediaNetwork Blog

Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Newfoundland & Labrador

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Be-Out-There/Events/National-Wildlife-Wee\
k.aspx
<http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Be-Out-There/Events/National-Wildlife-We\
ek.aspx>

Celebrate National Wildlife Week by doing what comes naturally. Whatever you do--at home, school or play--do it outdoors and have fun! Climb trees, chase butterflies, dig in the dirt and celebrate nature. You'll become healthier, happier and more connected to the world around you.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

http://www.internationalwomensday.com/
<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organizations, governments and women's groups around the world choose different themes each year that reflect global and local gender issues.

Some years have seen global IWD themes honoured around the world, while in other years groups have preferred to 'localize' their own themes to make them more specific and relevant.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2011

http://www.st-patricks-day.com/ <http://www.st-patricks-day.com/>

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish and Irish at Heart in big cities and small towns alike with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games. Its a time for fun. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green! See all the Parades & Events going on around the World to celebrate St Patrick's Day March 17th 2011

PEACE CORPS DAY

http://www.peacecorps.gov/ <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

In 2011, the Peace Corps is commemorating 50 years of promoting peace and friendship around the world. Join us in supporting the agency's mission and legacy of service.

THE MARCH ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of March.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March>

Also, here are some special days and events in March.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Irish-American Heritage Month

National March into Literacy Month

Red Cross Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

13 20 National Wildlife Week

21 27 United Nations: Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism & Racial Discrimination

SPECIAL DAYS

1 Peace Corps Day

3 National Anthem Day: Anniversary

3 World Book Day

8 United Nations: International Women's Day

17 St. Patrick's Day

21 Beginning of Spring

Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2011

2011 National Health Observances, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

2011 Calendar of Events, California Department of Education

2011 United Nations Observances

2011 Bizarre, Crazy, Silly Unknown Holidays and Observances

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/March_2011.htm
<http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/March_2011.htm>

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #1

NEW FROM YAESU

Yaesu FTM-350AR APRS Mobile Transceiver

The new FTM-350AR is the renewal of Yaesu's high-end, Large Dot matrix, VHF/UHF Mobile APRS Transceiver. The Dual transceivers, Huge Screen, detachable head and the GPS/APRS capabilities have made the FTM-350A an exciting new entry into the Amateur Radio APRS world.

Newly improved user friendly functions make replies and editing of incoming/outgoing messages easier. The vacuum cup-mounting bracket with angle adjustment has been redesigned. The New FTM-350AR incorporates newly developed technical performance using the worldwide-accepted GPS NMEA format data. Navigation to another APRS BEACON station is possible, even if the beacon station is moving.

All of the features and functions of the New FTM-350AR are available to owners of the previous FTM-350R. Just download and install the V1.2 software from the Yaesu website. (A data cable is required)

Key Features:

GPS Standard format NMEA Ready. Way point data out (Data in/out from ACC connector at back of the main unit)

Newly designed vacuum cup-mounting bracket with angle control

APRS will operate in the background, on single band.

Additional Voice Alert function

Re-allocated often used keys to more convenient positions for easier operation

Able to program Direct APRS onto Programmable key on DTMF Microphone

The optional BH-1A/2A Bluetooth provides Hands free operation

Including simultaneous Dual Band Receive, and Full-Duplex operation.

Built in Dual Speakers on the rear of the Control head

For more information on this radio, please visit

http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=106&encPr\
odID=33C814E3D04C92310507ECDE68CC3C01&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0
<http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=106&encP\
rodID=33C814E3D04C92310507ECDE68CC3C01&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0>

All Yaesu radios and accessories are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE

THIS MONTH - BAHRAIN

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK BAHRAIN

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ba.html
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ba.htm\
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WIKIPEDIA BAHRAIN

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahrain
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahrain>

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN E-GOVERNMENT PORTAL

http://www.bahrain.bh/wps/portal/ <http://www.bahrain.bh/wps/portal/>

This is the official English webpage of the government of Bahrain. The site is in English and Arabic.

BAHRAIN TOURISM

http://www.bahraintourism.com/ <http://www.bahraintourism.com/>

This site presents the country from a tourism point of view.

RADIO STATION WORLD BAHRAIN

http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Bahrain/
<http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Bahrain/>

This is a listing of broadcasting organizations and radio stations in Bahrain.

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS BAHRAIN

http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/bahrain.htm
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/bahrain.htm>

This is a listing of newspapers in Bahrain.

THE RADIO ZONE

CANADA CALLING

http://www.nfb.ca/film/canada_calling
<http://www.nfb.ca/film/canada_calling>

VIA Michael Rochon, Windsor, Ontario

Back in 1949, David A. Smith produced this 18-minute film for the National Film Board of Canada about radio broadcasting in Canada. As the promo states: "This short documentary from 1949 looks at the state of radio in Canada. Focusing on the CBC, it illustrates the variety of radio fare available at the time by featuring snatches of favourite programs, including Trio Lyrique, Mart Kenney, the Toronto Symphony, the Happy Gang, forums, religious programs, drama and old-time music. Several key people involved in the business of broadcasting are introduced, as is the CBC International Service." If only everything they mentioned in this film back in 1949 held true about radio broadcasting today. There is some excellent footage of historic radio programs and productions. So, click on this link and sit back and enjoy radio as it was back in 1949.

RADIO AND COHERENT TECHNIQUES

http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~www_pa/Scots_Guide/RadCom/intro.html
<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~www_pa/Scots_Guide/RadCom/intro.html>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This series of webpages is designed to provide a general introduction to the ways in which coherent signals and waves can be used. There are 21 sets of pages on various topics which vary from basic radio and broadcasting techniques to the use of interferometry for source location. The level of the material included assumes that you already know a reasonable amount of basic physics and electronics. That said, each set of pages is only intended to give a simple introduction to the relevant ideas and methods. i.e. some things have been simplified to make things a bit easier. If you want more precise, fuller information, have a look at some of the many books on these topics...

MEDIA IN CANADA

http://www.mediaincanada.com <http://www.mediaincanada.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

From research and audience measurement innovation to ratings impact and spend trends, Media in Canada covers the gamut of media biz news and identifies new media opportunities. Both an email newsletter and a website, Media In Canada is a key resource for media buyers and planners, marketers and media sellers, providing a heads-up on property launches and changes in all media, including TV network programming and schedules. Email newsletters are issued daily and bulletins reporting breaking news may also be issued from time to time.

OVERHEARD IN THE NEWSROOM

http://overheardinthenewsroom.com/ <http://overheardinthenewsroom.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Overheard in the Newsroom is a blog that delivers the best overheard comments and conversations in any newsroom.

RADIO PRESENTING

http://www.radiopresenting.com/ <http://www.radiopresenting.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This website includes specific advice and areas to explore in radio's highly competitive market. It provides everything from the initial preparation of starting out in broadcasting to identifying and addressing your attributes as a presenter.

ANTIQUE RADIOS-THE COLLECTORS RESOURCE

http://antiqueradios.com/ <http://antiqueradios.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Explore radio collecting with its seemingly endless variety of vintage sets. You'll also find vintage television sets as well as links to old time radio programs inside these pages.

SARAH'S TRANSISTOR RADIOS

http://www.transistor.org/ <http://www.transistor.org/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Sarah Lowrey has been collecting radios since she was a child. The site features over 1000 photos of radios in her collection, along with manufacturer and model number, if known. The site also has tips on restoration, links to other sites on transistor radios and recommended reading lists.

REMEMBER THEN

http://www.rememberthen.ca/ <http://www.rememberthen.ca/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Music plays a big part of our lives. You hear a song on the radio or in a TV ad and it brings back a flood of memories. Trouble is, sometimes you forget the name of the song or artist. Rememberthen.ca is your one stop nostalgia site for Music, Movies and TV Trivia of the 50's, 60's and 70's

*RADIO H.F. BOOK REVIEW ZONE**

EDITOR: T. J. "Skip" Arey

THE ARRL ANTENNA COMPENDIUM - VOL. 8

Edited By: Steven Ford WB8IMY

As I mentioned earlier, I recently retired and have a bit more time on my hands. My XYL and I bought a nice little camper that suits my QRP sensibilities. I could hardly wait to get out in the world and do a little portable QRP using my Elecraft K1.

This first season of trekking pointed out a few problems. In my backpacking days, playing radio was a simple matter of tossing a wire up in a tree and having at it. Trailer camping usually involves backing

into a well designed site to access hookups and other amenities. Some of these sites have trees that allow for a quick toss of a longwire but many do not. Further, antenna safety comes in to play. Nobody wants to get on the bad side of their camp mates by "clothes lining" anybody. These long, cold winter months have, in part, been spent scratching my head to come up with good "camp site friendly" antenna designs. For this reason, I was very excited to have a chance to read the newest 8th volume of The ARRL Antenna Compendium. This series of books, containing past QST antenna articles and much more, always gets my mind going. One of the sections in this particular collection had a special emphasis on HF Portable designs. This edition had no less than 12 great ideas I could apply to my campsite antenna farm from some of the more notable antenna designers in our hobby.

But beyond my personal antenna needs, the book also includes well thought out sections on HF Directional, HF Omnidirectional, VHF/UHF Portable, VHF/UHF Omnidirectional and VHF/UHF Directional designs.

If even one of the designs in this book gets you on the air in a better way, it is well worth the cover price. Highly recommended.

This publication is available from http://www.arrl.org/shop <http://www.arrl.org/shop> , from Radio HF, or your favourite radio publications dealer.

THE GENERAL ZONE

LIBYA OUR HOME: NEWS & VIEWS

http://www.libya-watanona.com/ <http://www.libya-watanona.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

I'm not sure of the origin of this site but there are numerous daily stories and reports appearing here, in English and Arabic, about developments in, and relating to Libya.

LIBYA FEBRUARY 17, 2011 BLOG

http://www.libyafeb17.com/ <http://www.libyafeb17.com/>

VIA Andy Sennitt, Radio Nederlands Media Network Blog

A good source of breaking news for those of us who don't speak Arabic is the 17th February 2011 blog. I saw some video on Al Jazeera last night attributed to this source. Unfortunately this does not automatically refresh, but is constantly updated.

ALL VOICES

http://www.allvoices.com <http://www.allvoices.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The "All Voices" mission states that "allvoices is a global community that shares news, videos, images and opinions tied to news events and people. It is the first true people's media. It's a place where individuals from all over the world can share what is happening where they are (location) at a particular point in time. allvoices then brings together multiple voices or points of view via news stories, videos, images and blogs from the Internet, to provide context and build

momentum. The platform provides the community with the ability to search and navigate a news event by location and category, to share and to have a discussion around it, to emotionally connect with each other's perspectives and complete the human story. allvoices is an open and highly relevant social media site "unedited by humans", where anyone can report and add their voice from anywhere".

BRITISH PATHE

http://www.britishpathe.com/ <http://www.britishpathe.com/>

VIA Sam McLauchlan, Pointe Claire, Quebec

Here is a website you may be interested in. It includes lots of footage of vintage newsreels, including WWII, including some Canadian coverage.

SOLENT WATERS

http://www.solentwaters.co.uk/Videos/roughseas.html
<http://www.solentwaters.co.uk/Videos/roughseas.html>

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

This small video compilation from many sources underscores the fury and power of the sea and other incidents.

AMERICAN CAR BROCHURES

http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html <http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html>

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Newfoundland & Labrador

A nice site to look at the brochures for cars owned in the past.
Mine was a 73 Monte Carlo Landau 454!

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #3

What is new in books & publications from the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Society of Great Britain, and other publishers?

ON4UN's Low Band DXing by John Devoldere, ON4UN

New 5th Edition

25 Years of Low Band Success!

The fifth edition features new and updated material. Highlights include

a thoroughly revised discussion of receiving antennas. You'll discover how to greatly enhance their operational bandwidth. In addition, low-signal transformers for Beverages and other receive-only antennas are analyzed in great detail, along with effective common-mode filters.

a new examination of phased arrays, with new concepts such as the hybrid-fed 4-square array and opposite-voltage feed system. This is a must-read for every serious antenna builder!

dozens of new propagation maps based on DX Atlas, as well as an in-depth analysis of the influence of sunspot cycles on 160-meter ducting.

a new discussion of cutting edge technology including Software Defined Radio and the revolutionary LP-500 Digital Station Monitor.

CD-ROM included! The CD-ROM includes the entire book in a fully searchable PDF format as well as ON4UN's software (Windows XP only), antenna modeling files, photographs and more.

672 pages soft cover

ISBN: 978-0-87259-856-0; Order Number 8560

U.S. $44.95/Canadian $49.95

Inside Enigma - The Secrets of the Enigma and other Historic Cipher Machines by Tom Perera, W1TP

The breaking of the Enigma Codes in WWII was one of the defining actions of the whole war. Many books have been written about this as one of the best kept secrets of WW2. Few have looked right inside the Enigma cipher machine itself...Inside Enigma does just that. It brings to life how the Enigma machines were used, how the messages were encoded and why the Enigma code was virtually unbreakable.

Enigma expert Professor Tom Perera, W1TP, provides a history of these fascinating machines from their predecessors through to the cipher machines of the Cold War. The wartime Enigmas used by the German Army and Navy are covered in great depth, as well as the development of coding machines, into the post-war variants. Included is a guide to finding and buying your very own Enigma machine and instructions for building a modern day one.

Published by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB).

Order Number 0611

U.S $19.95/Canadian $21.95

RSGB Prefix Guide 9th Edition

The complete guide to prefix identification and information.

Ever wondered what that "unusual" call sign was? The fully updated "RSGB Prefix Guide" answers the question.

This comprehensive list of prefixes is revised and improved. Not just a listing of prefixes and their entities, the guide provides a host of useful additional material. References include a prefix's continent, CQ Zone, ITU Zone, Latitude and Longitude and many other details.

This edition includes all the elements that have made the book so popular over the years such as DXCC deleted entities, Russian & CIS entities, the popular DXCC checklist, and details of various award programs: IOTA, CQ WAZ, DXCC, WAS and others. New for this edition is an index of countries and their callsign allocations divided by continent. Designed with a "lay flat" wire binding for ease of use.

Softcover: 80 pages

Publisher: Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). Ninth Edition (2010)

ISBN: 9781-9050-8665-8

Order Number 0180

U.S. $19.95/Canadian $21.95

FM Atlas and Station Directory 21st edition

By Bruce F. Elving Ph.D.

This unique book covers FM broadcast stations in North America. Maps are included for each state (and Canadian province) showing station call and location. You can also learn call letters, city of license, format, coverage, stereo capability, SCA and even translator information. It also includes station listings by location and frequency. 2010 21st Edition. 288 pages. FM Atlas Publications.

Order #4816

U.S. $19.95/Canadian $21.95

2011 Klingenfuss Super Frequency List CD

The Klingenfuss Super Frequency List on CD-ROM is your ultimate source to broadcast and shortwave utility stations. There are more than 40,000 entries plus an abbreviations section. Browse and search for frequencies, stations, call signs, languages & countries. Hundreds of fascinating new digital decoder screen shots too. For: Win98/2000/Me/XP/Vista.

Order #2291

U.S. $39.95/Canadian $43.95

NOTE: Other Klingenfuss publications such as 2011/2012 Guide to Utility Stations and the 2011 Shortwave Frequency Guide are also available. Please inquire.

Please visit the Radio HF webpage at

http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm <http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm> for a complete catalog of all books, publications and CD-Roms available from the ARRL, RSGB and other popular publishers and authors.

THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

EAGLE CAM

http://www.wvec.com/marketplace/microsite-content/eagle-cam.html <http://www.wvec.com/marketplace/microsite-content/eagle-cam.html>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This popular camera focused on a Bald Eagle nest in Norfork, Virginia draws worldwide attention each year. The eagle mom is on the nest looking after three eggs this time around. Here is the link. There are continuous text updates, plus archived video also available on the page.

AQUIZIAM

http://www.aquiziam.com/index.htm <http://www.aquiziam.com/index.htm>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

AQUIZIAM welcomes you to our website dedicated to the secrets of the human mind and the world we all share. Strategies, impossible challenges, tactics, hidden body language, mysteries, veiled sections,

quizzes and symbols are our fascination.

CIRCLE THE CAT

http://www.members.shaw.ca/gf3/circle-the-cat.html
<http://www.members.shaw.ca/gf3/circle-the-cat.html>

VIA Richard Lemke, St. Albert, Alberta

Try to corner the cat in this very frustrating game. I did it six times!

THE 2011 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

March 4 & 5, 2011 - 24TH ANNUAL WINTER SWL FESTIVAL

Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania

http://www.swlfest.com/ <http://www.swlfest.com/>

The Winter SWL Fest is a conference of radio hobbyists of all stripes, from DC to daylight. Every year scores of hobbyists descend on the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania suburb for a weekend of camaraderie. The Fest is sponsored by NASWA, the North American Shortwave Association, but it covers much more than just shortwave; mediumwave (AM), scanning, satellite TV, and pirate broadcasting are among the other topics that the Fest covers. Whether you've been to every all 24 Fests or this year's will be your first, you're sure to find a welcome from your fellow hobbyists.

RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, March 26, 2011 Laval/Laurentides Hamfest/Fleamarket

Club Radioamateur Laval-Laurentides

Ecole Polyvalente Georges-Vanier, 2995 boul. Levesque Est, Laval, QC

Opening Time: Vendors 7 am; Public 9 am

Admission $5; Tables $10

Talk-in: 147.315+

Information: 514-708-8033

E-mail: hamfest2011@... <mailto:hamfest2011@...>

Web: www.ve2crl.qc.ca <http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca/>

RADIO HF WILL B E THERE

Saturday, March 26, 2011 - HAM-EX 2011

Peel Amateur Radio Club and Mississauga Amateur Radio Club

Brampton Fall Fairgrounds, 12942 Heart Lake Road, Brampton, Ontario

- -79.8298N, 43.771218W

Opening times: Vendors 7 am

Exhibits and Demonstrations starting at 8 am

Public Flea Market 9 am to 1 pm

Cost: Public Admission - $7.00

Talk-in frequency: VE3PRC 146.880- (no tone) VE3MIS 145.430- (103.5 Hz tone required)

Email contact: donmcphee@... <mailto:donmcphee@...>

Webpage: http://www.ham-ex.ca <http://www.ham-ex.ca/>

Saturday, April 2, 2011 - 15th Annual Iroquois Fleamarket

Iroquois Amateur Radio Club

Iroquois Civic Centre, Iroquois, Ontario

Directions to location: Exit 738 from Highway 401

Opening times: Vendors 8 am, Public 9 am.

Admission FREE. Table rental $10

Talk-in frequency: 145.29(-) if problems 146.97(-)Tone 100.0Hz

Info: Mike va3tufham@... <mailto:va3tufham@...> or Don va3nc@... <mailto:va3nc@...>

RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, April 16, 2011 DURHAM REGION AMATEUR RADIO HAMFEST

North Shore ARC & South Pickering ARC

Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd. (Just one block east of Pickering Town Centre)

Times: 9am - 1pm

Cost: Entrance $6, Tables $25 in centre of room (incl. 1 person). Wall tables $50 (incl. 1 person). Hydro available at some tables

Talk-in frequency: VE3SPA 147.375 (+offset), Tone 103.5 required.

Info: Durham Region Amateur Radio Hamfest, P.O. Box 53, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 2R2.

Peter Henry, Registration Coordinator (VA3PWH@... <mailto:VA3PWH@...> or 905-436-9236. Please call only between 1000 and 2100hrs EDT.

General E-Mail: Walter Cang, Hamfest Chairman (canadianamateur@gmail.com <mailto:canadianamateur@...>).

Webpage: http://drhamfest.tripod.com/ <http://drhamfest.tripod.com/>

Saturday, April 16, 2011 - Montreal Spring Fleamarket - Marche aux Puce de Montréal

Montreal Amateur Radio Club

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Hall Branch #212 (LaSalle)

7771 Bouvier (Coin de Shevchenko/Corner of Shevchenko)

Ville LaSalle, Quebec

Time: Vendeurs/Vendors 08h15 - 08:15 AM

Public/Public 09h00 - 12h00

Admission 5.00$; Tables 10,00$ each; 18,00$ for two

Talk-in: VE2BG 147.060 (+)

Information: James R. Hay - Telephone (514)-990-1965 or (514)-697-7205

Email: ve2arc@... <mailto:ve2arc@...>

Webpage: http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html
<http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html>

RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Sunday, April 17, 2011 - Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Spring Flea Market

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Location: Heritage Victoria Community Club, 950 Sturgeon Road

Winnipeg, MB

Opening times: For coffee and eyeball QSO's 9:30 am; for buying 10:30 am

Cost: Tables $5.00 for WARC members, $10.00 for non members

Talk-in: 147.390 MHz positive offset 127.3 tone

Info: Dick Maguire VE4HK ve4hk@... <mailto:ve4hk@...> or 204-253-3143

Webpage: http://www.mts.net/~warc/ <http://www.mts.net/~warc/>

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@... <mailto:cidxclub@...> , with a valid return e-mail address and you'll receive your copy by return e-mail. Our March 2011 edition is now available. Membership, at the low cost of $10 per year, is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.

Please visit the CIDX web page at http://www.cidx.ca <http://www.cidx.ca/>

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated frequently by webmasters Daniel Sampson and by database administrator Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, Dbase and Excel. You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/ <http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/>

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, celebrating its 23rd year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice Laws and Sheldon Harvey, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting.

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.

http://www.ckut.ca <http://www.ckut.ca/>

The International Radio Report is also rebroadcast on shortwave each week on WBCQ-The Planet, Sundays at 10:30 PM Eastern (0230 Monday UTC) on 5110 kHz. You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@... <mailto:radioreport@...>

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

RCI's schedules for the Winter 10/11 broadcast season (7 November 2010 to 13 March 2011) have been posted on the "Schedules and Frequencies" page of the RCI website at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/ <http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/>

You will find not only our shortwave broadcast schedules, but also the schedules for our three, 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), and for the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio. Stay in touch with Canada via Radio Canada International.

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